To: Chairs of the Appropriations Senator Osten, Senator Formica Representative Walker and Committee Members

I believe home visits are positive because they help families who have children who can't attend day care or other events of the like. For new parents, it allows for us to learn from professionals who have experience in working and teaching children to help our children develop and grow positively. These home visits are also essential for the development of children who are not yet old enough to attend school. Major services, such as the weekly Playgroups, have been beneficial for us in that they allow for socialization. Children benefit from this because they learn to adapt to large crowds and socialize among other peers their age, which will prepare them for the school environment, which many of them will become involved in as the years go by, such as my son. We hope these services are maintained in order for more families to benefit from them, as they have shown to be successful and beneficial for all parties involved. They have proved to be very helpful and we are thankful for their convenience.

Sincerely, Blanca Galvez